

## Comment--and Discomment

Governor Boyle of Nevada is not a man to be trifled with. In the face of a veritable flood of telegrams from all over the country urging him to put a stop to the investigation of the Mary Pickford-Owen Moore divorce suit, he stands pat. Steps for annulment will be taken at once, he says, provided the investigation shows that there has been evidence of collusion. Not even a movie star can joke with the Nevada judiciary.

Seriously, why should collusion be grounds for the annulment of a divorce? Is it any worse for a husband and wife to quietly agree to disagree than for them to break plates on each other's domes? In our humble opinion—bear in mind that we lay no claim to being "gifted"—if two people simply can't get along, it's a whole lot better for them and for the community for them to be separated legally than to be tied for life.

If Mary and Owen had fought eternally, like a couple of deck hands, the majesty of the law wouldn't have been injured in the slightest by the granting of the decree. But if, as sensible people sometimes do, they came to an agreement, what business is it of Governor Boyle? The trouble with the governor is that here's a chance for a middle-some Mattie to get a whole lot of free publicity, and the temptation is too great for him.

The rollicking sailors will have to seek another style of pet. For centuries Jack Tar has carted around with him on his voyages a multi-colored parrot, and most of them are trained in profanity. But from now on, mark our word, the parrot will be taboo, and it all comes about thusly. The skipper of a ship bound for an eastern port the other day had a parrot. It seems that the bird wasn't kept in the first cabin, but was allowed on deck and in other places. He was a wise parrot, and picked up phrases rapidly. One night the skipper heard him talking, and the words that he used concerned booze. And so the ship was searched, and about 400 quarts of good liquor were confiscated and poured overboard just outside the three-mile limit. History doesn't say what happened to the parrot, but we'll bet that he'll never last another voyage.

Most of the daily papers devote a good deal of space to the Easter fashion parade, which occurred simultaneously in New York City, Atlantic City, and other places where the elite are supposed to abound. It was a damp, but by no means dismal affair. In most of the cities where the parade is fashionable, the rain poured down in torrents and the new garments had to be protected by umbrellas, which must have ruined the effect.

The outstanding features of the new clothes for women is the size of the hats. They are all large and wide-spreading—some of them being almost floppy. That style of hat is a positive curse to Cupid's cause. It's always in the way—at least so we have been informed by a young man of our acquaintance with a wide experience in such matters. He tells us that he classes the woman who

insists on wearing a wide hat with one who always has an unguarded pin in her belt.

But if the fashion makers have been unkind in the matter of hats, they have been extraordinarily liberal in other ways. The skirts, for instance, are short—very short, in fact. Some of the paraders wore gowns which didn't even cover the knees. As one of the paragraphers expressed it, with the new fashions it's going to be difficult for the Grecian dancers to distinguish themselves from the rest of the crowd. In hosiery, too, there has been a trend toward the natural flesh color that is said to be highly realistic.

The Sunday movies lost out in Scottsbluff by a majority which is forbidding to the lovers of the silver screen. In fact, the anti-movie earth with them. The usual aftermath will probably follow and for the next two or three months there'll be a good row. Personally, we're waiting to see whether that big picture palace is to be erected. The manager said that they wouldn't do it unless Sunday movies carried.

Sunday movies is a question for each town to decide according to the collective conscience. We're in favor of rule by the people, and so long as nothing worse than movies is desired, we think they ought to have them, provided there are enough of them to carry their point at the polls.

### SAME NOW AS THEN

A buck private while an guard was caught by the officer of the day drinking cognac.

Officer: "Are you drinking on duty?"

Buck: "Yessir."

Officer: "Corporal of the g—"

Buck (interrupting): "Don't call him. There's only enough left for the two of us."—American Legion Weekly.

An editorial printed forty years ago reads: The kissing question continues to agitate the minds (not the lips) of the medical fraternity. Dr. Samuel S. Adams devotes seven columns of the Journal of the American Medical association to exposing the "dangers" of kissing. Somehow the world has flourished and increased somewhat in spite of it. It may be said that the more kissing the greater the increase. Osculatory performances are not so full of danger as to deter from its practice.

Advance fashion hints from Paris state that next summer's costume for women will include extremely short skirts, sandals, no stockings and no sleeves. What will the "Grecian dancers" wear to distinguish them from the shopping crowds?

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